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TO: ALL COUNTY AND CITY CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP) PROGRAM DEPUTY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REVISED CHDP SCHOOL HANDBOOK, PUB. 108, REV. 01/06

Attached is the CHDP School Handbook, Revised 01/06, which was developed to reflect the change in reporting requirements as defined in Health and Safety (H&S) Code Section 124100 (amended by the legislature in 2004). As Amended, Section 124100 no longer requires every public school district and private school in California to report data to CHDP on the number of children receiving screening examinations at school entry. However, Section 124085 continues to require each child within 90 days of entrance into the first grade to provide a certificate of health examination approved by the Department of Health Services (PM171a). In lieu of such a certificate, the school can accept a waiver (PM171b) signed by the child's parent(s) or guardian.

In cooperation with the local CHDP program, the governing body of every public school district and private school that has children enrolled in kindergarten is required to provide information to parents or guardians of all children on the importance of health to learning and the importance of receiving a health screening. Local CHDP programs continue to have the responsibility for working collaboratively with schools to inform and empower families about obtaining and utilizing quality health care services. Many private and public school districts are continuing to gather and share health examination reporting data with CHDP programs. This reporting assists the local health and school jurisdictions to assess the health care status of their populations. The activities involved in maintaining a liaison with public and private schools will help support school readiness and ensure healthy children ready to learn.

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The CMS Branch will ship to each local CHDP program a supply (a quantity approximating the total number of public and private elementary schools in each CHDP program area) of the revised school handbook for distribution to local schools. Local CHDP programs should distribute the handbooks as part of continued school liaison activities. Additional handbooks may be obtained from the DHS Warehouse using the standard faxable warehouse order form. The handbook is also downloadable from the CHDP website ([www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms/chdp/pdf/pub108.pdf](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms/chdp/pdf/pub108.pdf)).

Thank you for your continued efforts to help protect the health of school children and enable children to be at their best and ready to learn.

If you have any questions, please contact the CHDP Nurse Consultant in your Regional Office.

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Attachment: school handbook adobe file